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MASKED BANDIT HOLDS UP STAGE AND ROBS SEVEN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SAN DIEGO, March 19.—An automobile stage carrying six passengers was held up at 7 o'clock tonight at a mile this side of the international line by a masked bandit, believed to be an American, who took all of the money and valuables from his victims and escaped. A second stage which followed was not molested, although the bandit ordered the driver to proceed at full speed. Passes hurriedly examined, are searching the hills in the vicinity but it is believed the robber crossed the border and is hiding near the Mexican town of Tijuana.

The victims of the holding included the driver, in addition to the driver of the machine, James Green, and one woman who all had collapsed when the bandit crossed the border into her face. The names of none could be ascertained, two leaving the automobile at National City, a few miles north of the scene and the others leaving before the sheriff could be informed.

The bandit had through a fog across the road and other the automobile, filled with lighters, from Tijuana, slipped down at the obstruction, he stepped from the darkness at the roadside and ordered the occupants to alight and then he held the machine. Each person lost everything of value he possessed, the woman being compelled to give up a ring and her purse. The second automobile stopped, carrying on persons, then appeared and the bandit, after ordering it to proceed, slipped into the underbrush.

Deputy Immigration inspectors Frank G. Ellis and William Cluff, both attached to the customs house at Tijuana, California, just across the border, were summoned to the spot but the bandit had nearly 15 minutes to get away before they were able to find a trail of any kind. Sheriff Ralph Conklin was informed of the holding and left at once for the scene about 12 miles south of the city.

According to other reports, the bandit was a white, blond-haired, in which two gold teeth had been cut, over his face. One way of the station, the other way of American nationality.

45,000 ATTEND EXPO OPENING

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 19.—Attendance at the Panama-California International Exposition Saturday, dedication day, exceeded 45,000, according to announcements today by exposition officials. Of this number several thousand came from Los Angeles and other points in California. The exhibition, a large number of the out-of-town visitors coming by automobile, over the recently opened state highway, now known as the "Exposition Trail."

Governor Hiram Johnson, who was one of the principal speakers at the dedication, left this afternoon for the north. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, who represented President Wilson at the ceremonies, will leave tomorrow.

Festivities began at ten o'clock with a military and naval parade reviewed from a stand in the Plaza de Panama by Secretary of the interior, the director of the day, the governors of all Western states, or their representatives, and state and city officials from all parts of the Pacific coast.

An hour later, President Taft, accompanied by a glass of orange juice in a "toast to peace" and at noon most of the formal program had been disposed of and the visitors gave themselves over to the great carnival which will last through the year.

Among the lesser of the day's spectacles was the raising of the new exposition flag on the Plaza de Panama by "Miss San Diego-1916" and the unfurling of the flags of the states of national participation, while salutes boomed from the vessels of the Pacific fleet in the harbor.

Among these flags was the standard of Spain, sent for the occasion by King Alfonso and hoisted aloft by Count Del Valle de Salazar, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles to celebrate combined in a merry dedication of the exposition's "Court of Loyal Year."

Concerts on the open air pipe organ, said to be the largest in the world, during exhibitions by troupes of Scottish dancers and an aerial parade of a dozen military aeroplanes were other features which punctuated the day's program.

In the evening, the exposition banquet was to be held at the Christ the King. Among those to be present were Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, who represented President Wilson, and other officials of the army and navy, exposition officials and scores of distinguished visitors.

Mammoth exhibitions of fireworks, open air dancing in the exposition's courts and "carnival night" on the "Island" of the amusement and concession department, known as the "Island of the Night," were arranged for the night time entertainment of the visitors.

Since its 1915 regime, the exposition has been greatly enriched by exhibits of Canada, France, Italy and Germany, most of which were brought intact from the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. The United States government has filled 18,000 square feet of space, requiring three buildings, with displays illustrating all branches of its activities and a thousand machines, a troop of cavalry, a battalion of infantry and two bands are stationed on the grounds.

BETHLEHEM STEEL EARLY TREBLES EARNINGS IN 1915

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, March 19.—The annual report of the Bethlehem Steel corporation for 1915 issued here today disclosed that the net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiary companies after deducting expenditures amounted to \$24,332,408, as compared with \$24,645,667 in 1914, an increase of nearly 250 per cent. Orders on hand December 31, 1915, aggregated \$175,432,895, as against \$46,533,189, on the corresponding date of the previous year.

The statement by Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors, and J. C. Davis, the president, referring to the remarkable recovery of the steel industry from its low ebb prior to the outbreak of the European war, declared that "today there exists an actual shortage of steel-making capacity in this country."

An interesting feature of the report was the statement that the average number of employees of the company in the United States had increased from 15,588 in 1914 to 22,964 in 1915, and that wages paid in 1915 amounted to \$21,899,961 as against \$14,312,348 the previous year.

Calling attention to the bill pending in congress for the building by the government of an armor plant, Messrs Schwab and Davis declared that "if such a bill is passed the value of existing armor plants in this country will be virtually destroyed." The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, it was pointed out, now has more than \$7,000,000 invested in its plant devoted to this use.

Recommending that through the increase of your property should be carefully conserved, said the report, "your corporation also has an important obligation to the nation of which it is a citizen, your officers have appeared before the senate committee on naval affairs and urged the defeat of the pending measure. As it is already decided that the sole purpose of the proposed enterprise is that the government may secure its armor at a lower price, your officers have submitted the following preparation to the federal government:

"We will agree to permit any well known firm of chartered public accountants to inventory our plant and make careful estimates of the cost of manufacturing with that date in hand we will meet with the secretary of the navy and agree to manufacture armor at a price which will be entirely satisfactory to the secretary of the navy as being quite as low as the price at which the government could possibly manufacture armor on its own account, after taking into account all proper charges. As a concrete working basis for such negotiations, Bethlehem Steel Company has offered to manufacture one-third of the armor plate required for the contemplated five year naval program estimated at approximately 120,000 tons for a price of \$295 per ton for side armor, as compared with the price of \$300 per ton now obtaining."

"It may be added that while all other steel plants have greatly increased, the foregoing figure at which we now offer to make armor for the United States is not only a lower price than has been paid by the government for more than ten years, but it is also a substantially lower price than is paid for armor by Austria, Germany, France or England."

"In view of the earnings of the past year," the report continues, "dividends were declared of seven per cent on the preferred stock and 30 per cent on the common stock of your corporation, payable in quarterly installments during 1916."

"With the recent extraordinary market for all classes of steel products and for ships, the various plants of your corporation enter the year 1916 with all departments, with one exception running at full capacity."

"That exception is the armor plate department. Bethlehem Steel Company, having practically completed delivery to the government of all pending armor contracts, contracts for the current year have not been awarded."

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION CLOSES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 19.—The California Y. M. C. A. convention closed here tonight. Morning sessions were held at which delegates to the board during the year were read. During the afternoon a women's meeting and a big mass meeting for men were held and in the evening two mass meetings were held, Lieutenant Colonel Hildford and Lyman Pierce being the speakers. This evening a grand farewell service was held.

FOR RIPE OLIVE DAY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

OROVILLE, Cal., March 19.—Tomorrow, March 20, will be designated as "California Olive Day" by Governor Hiram W. Johnson. It is a day of cooperation of himself and state officials in a statewide festival in recognition of the advances made in the olive industry. The announcement was made at a meeting of olive growers and packers who convened to perfect plans for the celebration.

500 MORMONS IN MEXICO

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SALT LAKE CITY, March 19.—At the present time there are about 500 Mormons in the Mexican colonies. Before the trouble in Mexico, during the past year, there were some 7,000 but many of them left the country because of unsettled conditions.

TWO DIE IN AUTO WRECK

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 19.—Edward S. Lovenberg, democratic candidate for sheriff of Watson county, and W. C. Arnold, also of Watson county, were instantly killed today when their automobile crashed into a bridge between here and Bloomfield. Both men were pinned under their overturned car.

CARDINAL GOTTI DEAD

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

ROME, March 19.—Via Paris.—Cardinal Giovanni Maria Gotti, prefect of the Propaganda, died today. Cardinal Gotti was born in 1834 at Genoa and was made a cardinal in 1895. He had been ill for some time. The office of prefect of the propaganda is one of the most influential in the Catholic church.

NURSE UNDER ARREST

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SAN JOSE, March 19.—Ida Belle Seto, a professional nurse, wanted in San Leandro for passing a fictitious check and for spiriting from home Ethel Oatis, a 16-year-old high school girl, was taken into custody here today and held pending the arrival of officers from the northern town. The woman has been living in Mountain View for the past two weeks in company with her young companion.

PORTLAND VISITED BY DEATH DEALING ELECTRICAL STORM

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Wash., March 19.—A high wind accompanying an electrical storm which swept over Portland and the environs late today, caused the death of William Marks, a suburban resident, who was crushed to death when a tree fell across his house. A number of barns and other outbuildings in the district southeast of the city were destroyed or damaged.

A thunderbolt struck a spire of St. Francis catholic church and traveled to the main roof, where shingles were

ripped off over an area of fifty square feet.

Within the space of fifteen minutes a inch of rain fell. The combination of thunder and flashes of lightning were unusually violent. At the time when St. Francis church was struck no services were in progress, but the Rev. Father Black, the pastor, experienced a severe shock in his study, 100 feet from the main building.

At one point in the city a trailer car was struck by lightning. No one was injured, but the car was totally disabled. Cars throughout the city operated on interrupted schedules.

WAS NOT SUBMARINE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

German Admiralty Says No German Craft Sank Tubantia

BRITAIN, March 19.—(By wireless to Saville).—No German submarine could have been in the vicinity of the spot where the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk and no German mines had been laid in this region, the German admiralty announced yesterday. The official statement said:

"A German submarine is out of the question in connection with the sinking of the Tubantia, as the place where the accident took place is less than 29 miles from the Dutch coast, which means that this place is within the territory declared to be not dangerous for shipping by the manifesto of February 3, 1915. It is further stated that no German mines were laid there."

Dutch Make Protest

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

LONDON, March 19.—The Dutch government has sent a very strong note to the German government regarding the sinking of the steamer Tubantia, according to the Nieuws Van Den Dags of Amsterdam.

MAY SELL ORO COMPANY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

OROVILLE, Cal., March 19.—The sale of the Oro Electric Corporation of this city to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company was announced today as a probability of the near future. The announcement followed a conference of the officials of the two companies. The transfer of ownership, said the officials who attended the conference, was expected to be made within six weeks if the plans carried.

EMBARGO ON MEXICAN FREIGHT

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

PANAMA, March 19.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company and other lines whose vessels fly the American flag and call at Mexican West Coast ports, have placed an embargo on trans-isthmian local freight destined for these ports. The measure is understood to be of self-protection, on account of the action of the United States in regard to Mexico. According to the best information here, the lines will not call at the ports in question. American canal officials say they have received no orders relative to possible arms shipments across the isthmus.

INSISTS IS NOT THE MAN

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SEATTLE, March 19.—James Mariano, the fruit-stand clerk who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being Pietro Tortorici, wanted by the San Francisco police for the murder of R. V. Harbo April 5, 1915, was thoroughly questioned by detectives today, but stoutly denied that he was the man sought. "It looks like he is not my photograph," said Mariano when shown the photograph of Tortorici sent out by the San Francisco authorities soon after the murder. Mariano said he would return to San Francisco without securing extradition.

TEXT OF LETTER OF THE KAISER TO VON TIRPITZ

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

LONDON, March 19.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent forwards a dispatch from Berlin giving the text of Emperor William's letter to Admiral von Tirpitz, as follows:

"My Dear Grand Admiral von Tirpitz: After I have, to my greatest regret, seen from your report of your illness and your letter of resignation presented to me on March 12, that you are unable further to conduct the business of the ministry of marine, I comply herewith with your request, releasing you from your office of minister of state and secretary of the state ministry of marine, and I place at your disposal the legal pension."

"I feel myself obliged also on this occasion to express to you my imperial thanks for the excellent services you have rendered the Fatherland in your long career as leader and organizer of the navy. Especially I wish to point out what you accomplished during the war itself by preparing new means of fighting in all departments of naval warfare by maritime formations. Therewith, you added to your successful work in peace time a page of honor in the severe times of war. This is gladly acknowledged by me and by the German nation. I myself will express my appreciation by conferring upon you the Star of the Grand Commander, with swords of my Royal Order of the House of Hohenzollern, and by ordering that your name further remain on the naval list."

"With the sincerest wishes for your further welfare, I remain, Yours affectionately, (Signed) WILLIAM II."

KELLY IS LIEUT. COLONEL

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

Major of California Third Battalion Is Elected to Higher Office

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 19.—Major Will Kelly of Fresno, commanding the Third Battalion, Second Infantry, U. S. A., and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, at an election held in the state armory today was selected as lieutenant colonel of the regiment, succeeding Lieutenant Colonel Arthur C. Critch, of Bakerfield, who recently resigned because of the press of private business.

Major Will H. White of Chico, senior major of the regiment, also was a candidate for the position but lost out by two votes, the ballot standing 15 to 14.

To fill the vacancy of Major, Captain Benjamin M. Heath of Hanford was elected over Captain C. H. Fowler of Fresno, by a vote of 19 to 14.

AMMUNITION IS SMUGGLED OVER BORDER

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other bands of insurrectionists, will not have their operations curtailed by lack of ammunition. They assert that a generous share of the vast tide of cartridges and other munitions that flowed into Mexico from the United States, Japan, Germany and other sources during the last five years has been cached in various parts of the country, under the control of one or other of the various factional chiefs.

That large quantities of rifles, ammunition and even a machine gun are hidden in or about El Valle is a report that has many believers here, although it is scouted by the police and military officials. There has been the real victim, Lopez, in these later reports, was said to be badly wounded. The telegram said that

U. S. POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT HAS BIGGEST PAYROLL ON EARTH; 140,000 EMPLOYEES RECEIVE \$200,000,000 ANNUALLY

By ROBERT F. WILSON

WASHINGTON, March 19.—When a departmental employee recently told a house appropriation committee that the postoffice department maintains the biggest payroll on earth, some of the members of the committee looked surprised. The employee then went on to tell that the 140,000 postoffice employees who draw their regular pay checks from Uncle Sam, the total payroll amounting to something like \$200,000,000 a year.

I went through the postoffice department trying to find the paymaster who takes care of this vast roll, I had a visionary idea of blank checks spread out and great sheets, while the paymaster signed them personally a hundred at a time by means of the telegraph instrument used in certain other government offices where many checks have to be signed.

But the biggest payroll on earth is not paid off in this fashion. Instead of a single paymaster there are 35,111 paymasters, that being the number of postmasters holding commissions on March 3, 1916. Each postmaster is practically an independent business man, meeting the expenses of his own office out of its receipts and returning the profits, if any, to the department, together with his accounts for auditing.

It is in the auditing that Washington here handles the gigantic postoffice payroll, but it is the treasury department which handles it. Three whole floors and part of a fourth in the ten-story postoffice department building are given over to the auditors, who are direct employees of the treasury department. The postoffice department has about 1,500 treasury employees, but it takes 250 treasury employees to audit the books of the postoffice department.

Each postmaster is virtually his own boss in managing the finances of his own office, except that he can employ only authorized help and that he must submit his accounts for auditing every month. The postmaster pays his office clerks and mail clerks and mail carriers. Thus in several of the largest cities the postoffice payroll ranks with those of the largest local industries. There are 35,742 office clerks and mail clerks in our postoffices, all being paid by their local postmasters. In addition there are 35,000 city carriers, making the total postoffice payroll for the local mail delivery number about 73,000 names.

Then there is another large branch of the service—the railway mail service. The railway mail clerks, too, are paid by postmasters. For the railway mail service the country is divided into districts, and the clerks are assigned to certain large post

offices in each district for their pay. There are 19,000 railway mail clerks. The largest division of postoffice employees is made up of the rural mail carriers, 44,000 of them, or a third more rural carriers than city carriers. Their paychecks, too, come from postmasters, but not from their local postmasters. In each state one city is designated as the paying station for the rural carriers. To this office all the other postoffices of the state send their excess receipts, and from these funds the postmaster in the designated city pays all the rural carriers of the state with his official checks. The New York postmaster pays all the rural letter carriers in New York state, Philadelphia for Pennsylvania, Cincinnati for Ohio, Chicago for Illinois, Milwaukee for Wisconsin, and so on.

Thus a large share of the postoffice receipts never reach Washington but are paid out locally in salaries to the postoffice employees. The principal work here is auditing the payroll. For this purpose the auditors maintain a card index system, with a card for each of the 140,000 employees, giving his name, date of appointment and rate of pay. Each month the total payroll is checked over name by name, and every three months the auditors strike the balance sheet.

The postoffice has no top-heavy salaries nor any very small ones. Perhaps no business institution on earth has its payroll so evenly balanced in this respect. Exclusive of watchmen and scrub-women, the smallest salary paid is \$800 a year. The postmaster general draws the largest salary—\$12,000. If the postoffice were a private corporation its president would easily draw \$50,000 a year, while his assistants and divisional managers would get salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. On the other hand, the clerks in this private institution would probably not average \$300 a year, let alone having as the minimum salary,

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RANCHER SLAIN BY BANDIT GANG AT ENCINILLAS

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son of the ranchman is thought to have been with him on the ranch, but nothing is known as to his fate.

The murder of the ranch owner aroused deep feeling in the Italian colony here, where he was well known and respected. He had lived twenty-five years in Mexico. His brother, Vincenzo Visconti, sent a telegram today to the Italian ambassador in Washington.

VILLA TRAPPED BY ADVANCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS

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succeeded so far in avoiding any friction there is one serious question which may arise at any time to threaten the entire situation. As the lines of communication of the American forces lengthen the problem of bringing up supplies becomes increasingly more pressing.

To grant the United States permission to use the Mexican railroads for shipping supplies, it is thought here may be misinterpreted by many Mexicans. On the other hand, a refusal would severely hamper the progress of the advance of the Carranza government to co-operate in every way with the American authorities. The arrival of this crisis is being anxiously awaited on both sides of the border.

Villa today reached Babiraca, near the lake of that name, in the Guerrero region, after having abandoned thirty of his wounded at El Valle, according to a telegram received today by General Gaviña at Juarez from Colonel Nieto Melich, the commander at Pearson.

This placed Villa a little beyond Las Cruces, where the Carranza officials reported him yesterday. Villa fled to avoid a conflict with the Carranzista troops under Colonel Cano. Among the thirty wounded, who had been shot in the Columbus raid and carried along in wagons only to be abandoned at El Valle, was said to be the Villista leader, Pablo Lopez. Lopez is the leader whose death was reported as a positive fact at the Columbus raid. Later reports cast some doubt upon his death, and indicated that another chief carrying his papers might have been the real victim. Lopez, in these later reports, was said to be badly wounded. The telegram said that

Lopez is in a bad way, having been shot through the abdomen and both legs, which were broken. The Villista chief, Ceranties, is reported with a number of bandits in Las Cruces.

General Bernal, commanding the Carranza forces at Casas Grandes, came to Juarez today to talk over the military situation with his superior, General Gaviña. He said that General Pershing's force is divided, with part near Casas Grandes and a part near Guadalupe, some distance southwest of Casas Grandes. The Americans encamp in the country, but has permission to go to the towns to buy food, fodder and other stores. An order to this effect came from War Minister Obregon.

No word has yet been received by Juarez regarding the use of the National railroads for the transport of Pershing's supplies, and Gaviña added, no shipments of this kind have yet been made by the trains out of Juarez. This is a matter to be settled between Washington and the Carranza government.

Villa spent last Wednesday and Thursday at El Valle, according to reports at the Juarez headquarters, but fled without giving battle when he saw the troops of Colonel Cano from Santa Ana, escaping up a steep canyon from Las Cruces.

"Villa is now in a very difficult situation for us," said General Gaviña, "and very favorable for his purposes. He is now in broken, rocky, pine-clad, mountainous country, full of places of concealment. Only cavalry can operate in it to advantage."

"From the boundary down as far as Pearson, the country is flat and sandy, with roads. But south of there, horses must be used as transports instead of wagons and motor cars. There are high ridges and many obstacles. While I have never campaigned in that section, I understand good water is obtainable from springs and also the pasture is fair, which is to Villa's advantage. But the people in that part have almost given up the cultivation of the soil, because the country has been so long overrun by bandits, who took everything they wanted. Villa won't find food there."

"I can say I have every confidence in the situation for the net drawn by the American and Mexican forces is closing up."

Villa's turn to the west was rather a surprise to Gaviña, who said that General Gutierrez thought he would try to escape eastward—an event Gutierrez was prepared for.

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